

Table 5.18-- MAJOR EARTHQUAKES: 1838 TO 2001

[Includes all earthquakes with magnitudes of 6.0 or greater, 1838 to 1983, and 5.0 or greater, 1984 to 2001. Except for the earthquake of April 2, 1868, magnitudes of earthquakes prior to 1929 are conjectural]

Date and time (HST)	Location	Magnitude (Richter scale)
1838: December 12	Hawaii	6.0
1841: April 7	Hawaii	6.0
1852: March 31	Hawaii	6.0
1868: March 28	Hawaii	6.5
April 2	Hawaii	7.5
1871: February 19	Molokai or Maui	6.5
1875: November 23	Hawaii	6.0
1887: January 24	Hawaii	6.0
1913: October 25	Hawaii	6.5
1918: November 1	Hawaii	6.5
1919: September 14	Hawaii	6.5
1929: October 5	Hawaii	6.5
1938: January 23	N. of Pauwela Point, Maui	6.75
1940: June 17	Hawaii	6.0
1941: September 28	Hawaii	6.0
1950: May 30	Hawaii	6.25
1951: April 23	Hawaii	6.5
August 21	Hawaii	6.9
1952: May 23	Hawaii	6.0
1954: March 30	Hawaii	6.0
March 30	Hawaii	6.5
1961: September 25	Hawaii	5.75-6
1962: June 28	Hawaii	6.1
1973: April 26	Honomu, Hawaii	6.2
1975: Nov. 29, 4:47 AM	Puna, Hawaii	7.2
1983: Nov. 16, 6:13 AM	S.E. flank of Mauna Loa	6.7
1984: June 8, 5:34 PM	80 miles S. of Honolulu	5.3
1986: April 26, 7:19 AM	28 miles N.E. of Maui	5.1
1987: Feb. 3, 4:22 PM	26 miles S. of Kahoolawe	5.0
1989: June 25, 5:27 PM	Kalapana area	6.1
1994: Feb. 1, 12:01 AM	Offshore, 12 miles S. of Kilauea	5.2
1997: June 30, 5:47 AM	5 miles W. of Kalapana	5.2
1999: April 16, 2:56 PM	4 miles N. of Pahala	5.6
2000: April 1, 8:18 PM	7 miles S.E. of Kilauea Summit	5.0

Source: Augustine S. Furumoto, N. Norby Nielsen, and William R. Phillips, *A Study of Past Earthquakes, Iseismic Zones of Intensity and Recommended Zones for Structural Design for Hawaii* (University of Hawaii, Center for Engineering Research, Engineering Bulletin, June 15, 1972); information supplied by Wm. Mansfield Adams and Augustine S. Furumoto, Institute of Geophysics, University of Hawaii; Hawaii Institute of Geophysics, records; U.S. Geological Survey, National Earthquake Information Service; U.S. Geological Survey, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, records; <<http://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/earthquakes/felt/currEQ.html>> accessed July 9, 2002.